

**VSH Employees' Work Group**  
**September 7, 2006      1:30 – 4:00**  
**Minutes**

Present: John Berard, Conor Casey, Keith Goslant, Annie Noonan, Terry Rowe, Gail Rushford, Goldie Watson, Laura Deforge, Dena Weidman

Absent: John O'Brien

Guest: Cindy LaWare

Staff: Steve Gold, Beth Tanzman and Judy Rosenstreich

Gail reviewed the agenda:

1. Presentation to Secretary LaWare
2. Finalize report
3. Prepare for Advisory Committee presentation on September 18<sup>th</sup>

Judy offered remembrances of Dick Curtiss, longtime VSEA chief field representative who recently passed away.

Secretary LaWare was invited to meet with the work group to hear first hand their recommendations for facilitating a successful transition of the VSH classified workforce to a new inpatient psychiatric program.

Gail made the presentation to Secretary LaWare, inviting her questions and feedback. The group discussed the edits that members identified to improve clarity of the report.

Steve shared his expectation that the report would be presented to the Futures Advisory Committee by one or two members of the group to achieve a clear and effective explanation of its recommendations. He suggested that group members be introduced and be available for questions and answers with the Advisory Committee.

- Annie moved/Conor seconded that Gail make the presentation to the Advisory Committee and that Goldie be at the table with Gail to achieve visibility for the VSH employees. Motion passed unanimously.

Annie requested that the work group's presentation to the Advisory Committee be the first major item on the agenda.

It was understood that Judy would make the changes agreed to by the work group, post the report with the Weekly Update, and send it to the Futures Advisory Committee.

- Annie moved/John Berard seconded to accept the report with the edits provided. Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY: Judy Rosenstreich